GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4121
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SHIFTING OF PETROL AND DIESEL DEPOT FROM SATNA TO SAGAR IN M.P.
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to shift the depot of petrol and diesel from Satna to Sagar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether keeping in view the interests of the people of Vindhya region, the Government propose to cancel shifting of petrol and diesel depot from Satna to Sagar; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir. A proposal to close down Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPC) depots at Satna and shift the supplies to Bhitoni (Jabalpur and Nariaoli (Sagar) depots, has been received.

(b) : The existing Satna depots of IOC and HPC are functioning in a small area and situated in the heart of Satna city.Both these depots do not meet the safety norms as stipulated by Oil Industry Safety Directorate.Both the depots are very much unsafe to operate and there have been fire incidents in these depots. In view of the unsafe condition of the depot and the fire incidents there have been demands by General Public for shifting these depots. District Magistrate and Collector of Satna have also advised Oil Companies for shifting the depots from Satna. Accordingly, Oil Companies decided that existing unsafe depot of Satna be closed down and supplies to Satna market be shifted to Bhitoni and Nariaoli depots.

(c) & (d) : Even after shifting the supplies of petroleum products to Bhitoni and Nariaoli, the supplies to the Satna-fed market will be maintained and the area will not be allowed to go dry. Apart from very much unsafe condition of the depot, facilities at Bhitoni and Nariaoli depots are sufficient to take care of the load of Satna also and thereby Oil Companies will save the cost for operating from Satna.